before and after revision are given below:

Details of Allowances of ED BPMs

(Rs.)

	Prior to revision		Revised rates		Diff.	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Basic Allowance . .	217	265	275	440	58	175
Office Maintenance Allowance		10		25		15
Fixed Stationery Allowance		1		3		2
Combined Duty Allowance (wherever applicable) .		15		50		35

Profits before Tax and after Tax of Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

2840. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expected profit before tax and profit after tax of different Public Sector Undertakings under his Ministry; and

(b) how does this compare with the figures of the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The profit before tax and profit after tax expected to be earned during 1988-89 by the Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas are about Rs. 2800 crores and Rs. 2101 crores respectively.

(b) The comparative figures for the last two years are given below:—

(Rs./crores)

	1986-87	1987-88
Profit before tax .	3076	2971
Profit after tax .	2147	2176

Import of different Petroleum Products

2841. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what have been the quantities of different petroleum products imported during each of the last three years, their unit price and total amount spent for these imports (each) year-wise;

(b) what has been the percentage increase/decrease in quantities and amounts of these products during the last three years; and

(c) what steps, if any, are being contemplated by Government to decrease the quantity/amount of these imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The details of quantity, value, unit price and percentage increase/decrease of petroleum products imported during the last three years are given in annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 158].

(c) In order to reduce the import of petroleum products, the following steps have been taken to increase the

production of crude oil, besides efforts towards demand management and the measures taken for conservation of petroleum products:

—Intensification of exploration which may eventually lead to enhanced production.

—Use of enhanced oil recovery techniques.

—Induction of advanced technology.

Performance of different State Electricity Boards

2842. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise comparative details of plant load factor, quantum of electricity generated/distributed and also of the consumption of major inputs like coal/oil in rupee per unit in electricity generation during each of the last three years and so far in the current year;

(b) whether there is substantial difference in the performance of Different State Electricity Boards, if so, what are the reasons therefor in each case; and

(c) the steps taken by State Electricity Boards having poor performance and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The required information is given in Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 159].

(b) The performance of different Electricity Boards in respect of generation generally depends on various factors such as quality of coal, system load management, operation and maintenance practices, adequately trained operation and maintenance personnel, spares management, industrial relations, etc.

(c) Some of the measures taken to improve the performance of State Electricity Boards are:—

(i) Directions have been issued to State Electricity Boards for capitalisation of interest during construction (IDC), as provided in the Electricity (Supply) Annual Accounts Rules, 1985.

(ii) State Governments have been requested to provide equity support to State Electricity Boards to make them financially viable.

(iii) State Governments are being advised to release rural electrification subsidies to SEBs regularly and adequately.

(iv) A Centrally sponsored Scheme for Renovation and Modernisation of thermal power stations has been introduced.

(v) Theft of power has been made a cognizable offence with stringent punishment for the commitment as well as abetment of the offence.

(vi) Introduction of an Incentive Scheme for reduction of transmission and distribution losses.

(vii) Training of engineers and operation and maintenance personnel of power stations.

(viii) Provision of equity support by State Governments.

Development of coal resources in Andhra Pradesh

2843. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for the development of coal resources in Andhra Pradesh during 1989-90; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps have been taken by Government so far or proposed to be taken in this regard?